



3PK

July 6-7, 2013

DATE

Abraham

LESSON TITLE

Genesis 12-21

WHERE TO FIND IT

Abraham Waits for God

MAIN POINT

schedule

SCHEDULE for all sites:

First 10 minutes of the service hour:
Relationship-building time (kids get to know each other and the volunteers)

Next 25 minutes: Large group teaching and worship

Last 30 minutes: Story review, snack and small groups, activities/crafts

If you finish early, have kids engage group games as parents arrive. Check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Before going into large group, remind your class what HOPS, the Kangaroo says:

- Have Fun
- Obey your leaders
- Put your listening ears on
- Share with others

check-in/out

As kids arrive, one person should keep the kids engaged in "Wait and Go" (the small group activity) while another checks kids out. The check-out person should tell parents what's going on!

large group heads up

Believing God keeps his promises can be difficult, especially when we have to wait for them. Today, kids will hear a story of God keeping his promise to Abraham. Hopefully, it will lay a foundation to help them believe in the trustworthiness of God's character.



instructions

Goal: to facilitate meaningful play that will help kids remember the story

Tip: Add any retelling details you want to today's story game.

Why? Kids are always pretending through story. Let them be themselves using today's story.

small group

**As kids eat a snack, review the story.*

REVIEW

1. Who were the first two people in God's family? (Abraham and Sarah)
2. What did God promise to give Abraham and Sarah? (A baby)
3. When did he give them a baby? (After many years, when they were old!)
4. What was the baby's name? (Isaac)
5. Who ELSE was a part of their family many years later? (Jesus—the rescuer!)

ACTIVITY

Review the story playing this game:

- Tell the kids to pretend they are Abraham or Sarah and line up against a wall.
- Say, "God promised a baby" and hold up the **doll**
- Play "Wait and Go" (a version of Red Light Green Light)
 - When you say, "Go," kids should walk toward you – no need to run.
 - When you say, "Wait," kids should freeze until you say "go" again.
 - Make them "wait" several times before they reach you.
 - As they near the end, have them act "old" (you can even have them laugh like Sarah in the video)
 - Then give them the baby to pass around and cheer
 - Remind them that sometimes we have to wait for things, even God's promises. But when God says he'll do something, he ALWAYS does it!

***OPTION:** If your room is difficult to navigate, you can play this game with chairs and ask kids to "sit" and "stand" instead. You can turn "sitting" into the "waiting" and make them twiddle their thumbs for a few seconds before jumping back up again.

***Pray with the kids and thank God that he always does what he says he will do!**

Extra time? PLAY AGAIN! The more repetition and practice the kids get, the better they'll remember the story.

special notes

Watch today's videos ahead of time at CrossroadsKidsClub.net!

presenter tips

Nervous? Try this! Give your voice a little more "bass" on the AV rack. You'll sound less nervous, and ease right into the presentation!

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend, HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: *HOPS 2 Obey Your Leaders* (about 1 minute)

REVIEW

Presenter: (Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile and a "thumbs up"! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone:) But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again. God showed us how much he LOVES to rescue us by saving a guy named Noah from a big flood!

INTRO: ABRAHAM AND SARAH

Well, God wanted to send the Rescuer through a BIG family. And he started with a guy named Abraham and his wife Sarah (**show picture of Abraham and Sarah**). God promised them he would give them a baby. But they had to *wait* for God's promise.

Now, waiting isn't very much fun. And Abraham started to think that he was NEVER going to have a baby. He and Sarah had to wait years...and years...and years. (Look really bored and tap your foot.) They were getting old and gray! (Hunch over and act old.)



script continued

Let's watch a video and see if God did what he said he was going to do. Let's see if God gave Abraham and Sarah a baby:

Video: God's Story / Abraham and Sarah

Rock your arms like this (rock arms) if God gave Abraham and Sarah a baby. (Let kids respond.) He sure did! Because God ALWAYS does what he says he will do. God told Abraham and Sarah he would give them a baby. And what did God give Abraham and Sarah? (Let kids say: a baby!) That's right!

GOD ALWAYS DOES WHAT HE SAYS HE WILL DO

Abraham was able to wait because he knew God always does what he says he will do. This is a pretty crazy story, but God can do ANYTHING. We know that if we read God's Word in the Bible or hear from God, we can believe that it is true! Give me a "thumbs up" because that's great news! (Let kids give a "thumbs up".)

Now let's pray together and thank God that he always does what he says, even if we have to wait!

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for doing what you say you'll do. Thanks for giving Abraham and Sarah a baby. We love you. Aaaaaaa-MEN.

WORSHIP

Let's sing some songs to Jesus!

Song: Whole Wide World

Song: Deep and Wide

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



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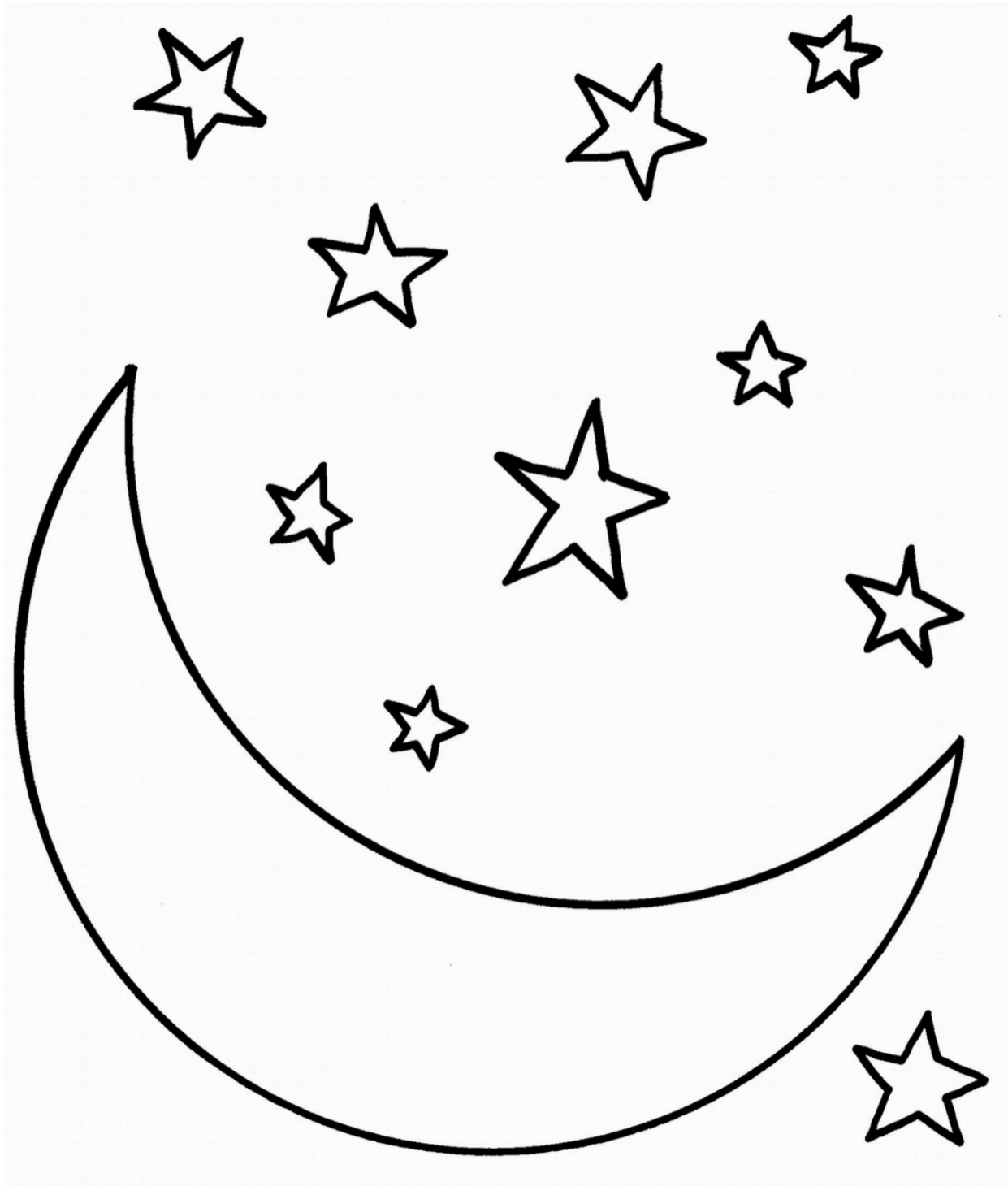
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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring pages: Moon and Stars
Baby doll/group

large group supplies

Bible

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Video: HOPS 2 Obey Your Leaders2. Image: Abraham and Sarah (jpeg in curriculum folder)3. Video: God's Story: Abraham and Sarah4. Music Video: Whole Wide World5. Song: Deep and Wide | | |
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special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about Abraham and Sarah.
Why did Abraham and Sarah wait for God?

parent page

When God planned a rescue, he built a family to send the Rescuer through. He started with Abraham and Sarah, who were childless. He promised to give them a son. They had to wait years for God to fulfill his promise, but he did! Ask your kid to tell you about it. You can also read this story together in Genesis 12-21 in the Bible or watch a video about it on CrossroadsKidsClub.net.